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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 72.0 degrees, 1.6 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, August 24. Precipitation averaged 0.27 inches, 0.53 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 9 points below normal.

Reporters rated 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, August 22. This is the same as last year and 1.1 days more than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 9 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2003	6.1	4.5	73.4
2002	6.1	6.7	91.9
1998-2002 Average	5.0	6.2	97.6

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	9	80	11
Last Week	0	2	72	26
Same Week Last Year	48	38	14	0
1998-2002 Average	17	27	49	7

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Seventy-three percent of **Corn** is in dough. This is one day ahead of last year, but four days behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate corn at 13 percent dented. This is three days behind last year and nine days behind the

five-year average. Farmers have five percent of **Corn Silage** harvested. This is four days behind 2002 and two days behind the 1998-2002 average. Respondents estimated 88 percent of **Soybeans** are setting pods. This is slightly ahead of last year but six days behind the five-year average. Ninety-six percent of **Oats** have been harvested. This is three days behind 2002 and eight days behind the 1998-2002 average. The second cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 94 percent complete, the third cutting is 41 percent complete and the fourth cutting is two percent complete. The second cutting of **Other hay** is 81 percent complete and the third cutting is 18 percent complete. **Potato** growers have 36 percent of their crops harvested. This is four days ahead of last year, but four days behind the five-year average. Fruit producers have harvested 90 percent of **Summer Apples** compared to 76 percent in 2002. Seventy-eight percent of **Peaches** have been harvested compared to 75 percent last year. Vegetable growers have harvested 67 percent of their **Cucumbers**. This is slightly ahead of 2002 but five days behind the five-year average. Six percent of **Processing tomatoes** have been harvested. This is four days behind 2002, and seven days behind the 1998-2002 average.

Weather conditions continue to improve across much of Ohio as the month of August nears its end. Throughout the week farmers baled hay and straw, sprayed soybeans for aphids and prepared equipment for the fall harvest. The black out of 2003 lead to the purchase of generators by some in the dairy industry. Producers mowed wheat stubble, field borders and grassed waterways, and emptied manure pits, ponds and lagoons.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated 68 percent good to excellent condition compared to 13 percent last year. Pasture condition was rated at 72 percent good to excellent compared to six percent in 2002. Soybeans were rated at 63 percent good to excellent condition. Respondents have reported increasing numbers of aphids present on soybean plants.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	94	100	100	82	NA
Alfalfa hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	41	68	68	23	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	2	9	11	NA	NA
Corn in dough	73	70	79	52	57
Corn dented	13	17	31	4	18
Corn Silage harvested	5	8	7	2	NA
Cucumbers harvested	67	66	73	51	NA
Oats harvested	96	98	100	84	78
Other hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	81	92	91	67	NA
Other hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	18	31	34	11	NA
Peaches harvested	78	75	78	65	NA
Potatoes harvested	36	31	42	22	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	6	15	17	3	NA
Soybeans setting pods	88	87	95	71	79
Summer apples harvested	90	76	81	80	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	24	46	22
Previous Week	2	8	25	43	22
Previous Year	26	32	29	12	1
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	11	28	46	10
Previous Week	4	9	31	45	11
Previous Year	25	33	31	10	1
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	21	56	16
Previous Week	1	4	23	54	18
Previous Year	37	33	24	6	0
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	27	47	16
Previous Week	3	9	28	43	17
Previous Year	20	30	34	15	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	71.4	1.7	0.15	-0.54	22.29	5.15	127	-10	2211	-88
North Central	71.1	1.6	0.09	-0.67	21.29	3.63	126	-10	2193	-67
Northeast	70.2	2.0	0.05	-0.64	26.20	8.28	121	-7	2023	-105
West Central	71.9	1.2	0.05	-0.64	23.79	5.11	133	-10	2334	-59
Central	72.3	1.5	0.31	-0.48	22.09	3.20	134	-10	2362	-53
Central Hills	71.2	2.0	0.20	-0.66	22.41	3.61	128	-7	2211	-32
Northeast Hills	71.2	1.8	0.13	-0.68	23.49	4.94	128	-7	2209	-63
Southwest	73.0	0.9	0.35	-0.40	23.79	4.10	136	-15	2439	-81
South Central	73.6	1.6	0.60	-0.37	27.43	8.59	140	-11	2509	-41
Southeast	72.8	2.2	0.60	-0.36	24.12	5.14	136	-7	2355	-48
STATE	72.0	1.6	0.27	-0.53	23.71	5.18	131	-9	2296	-64

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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